

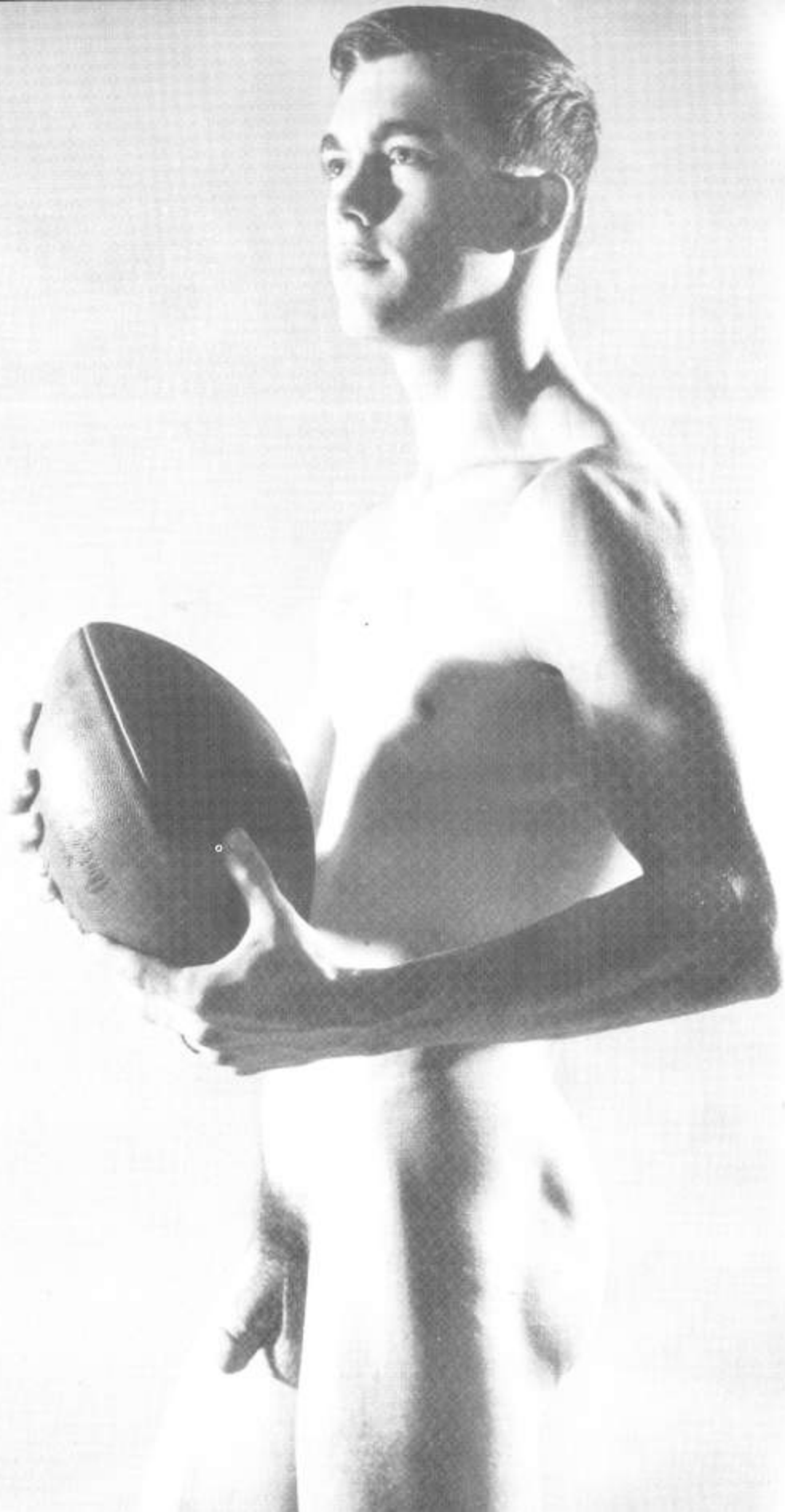
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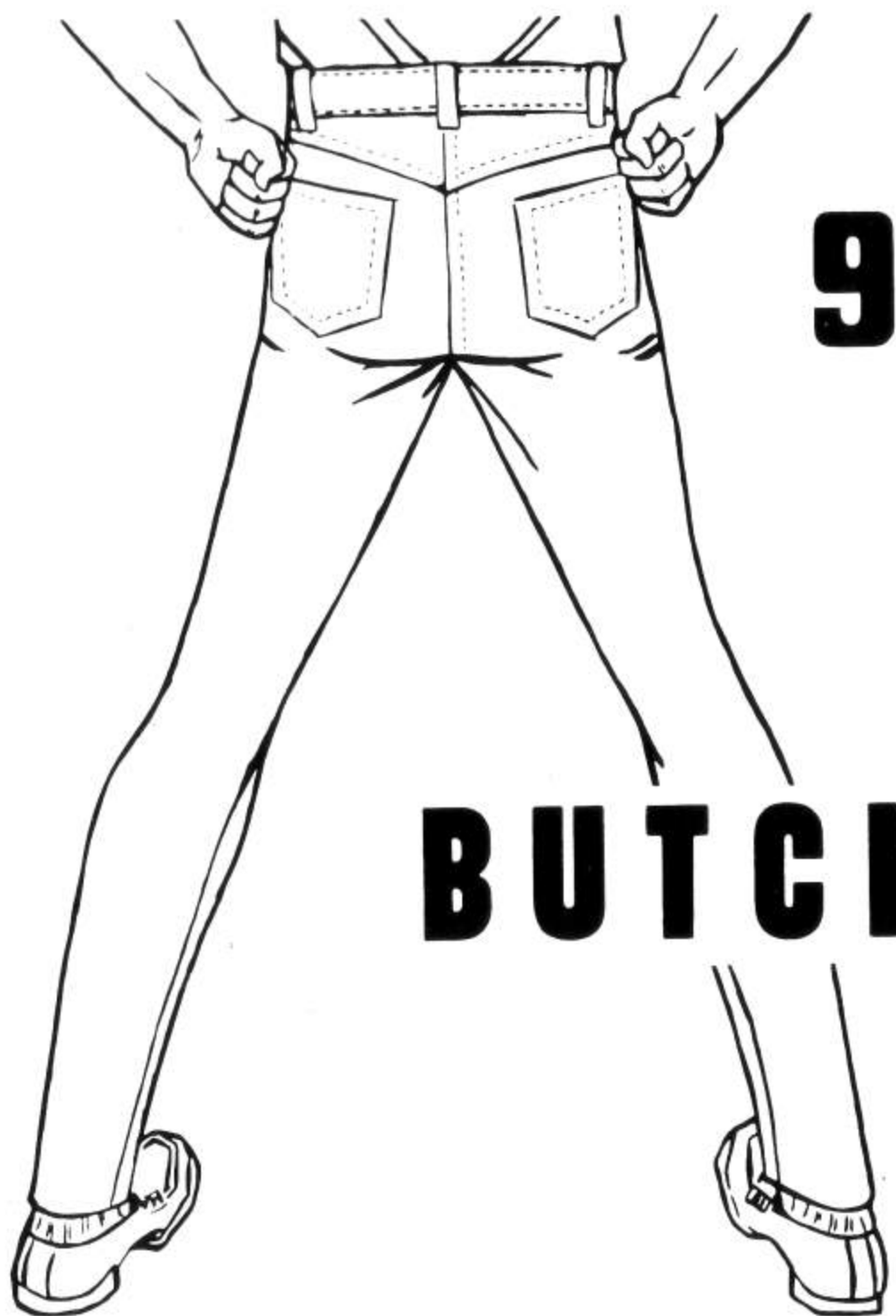
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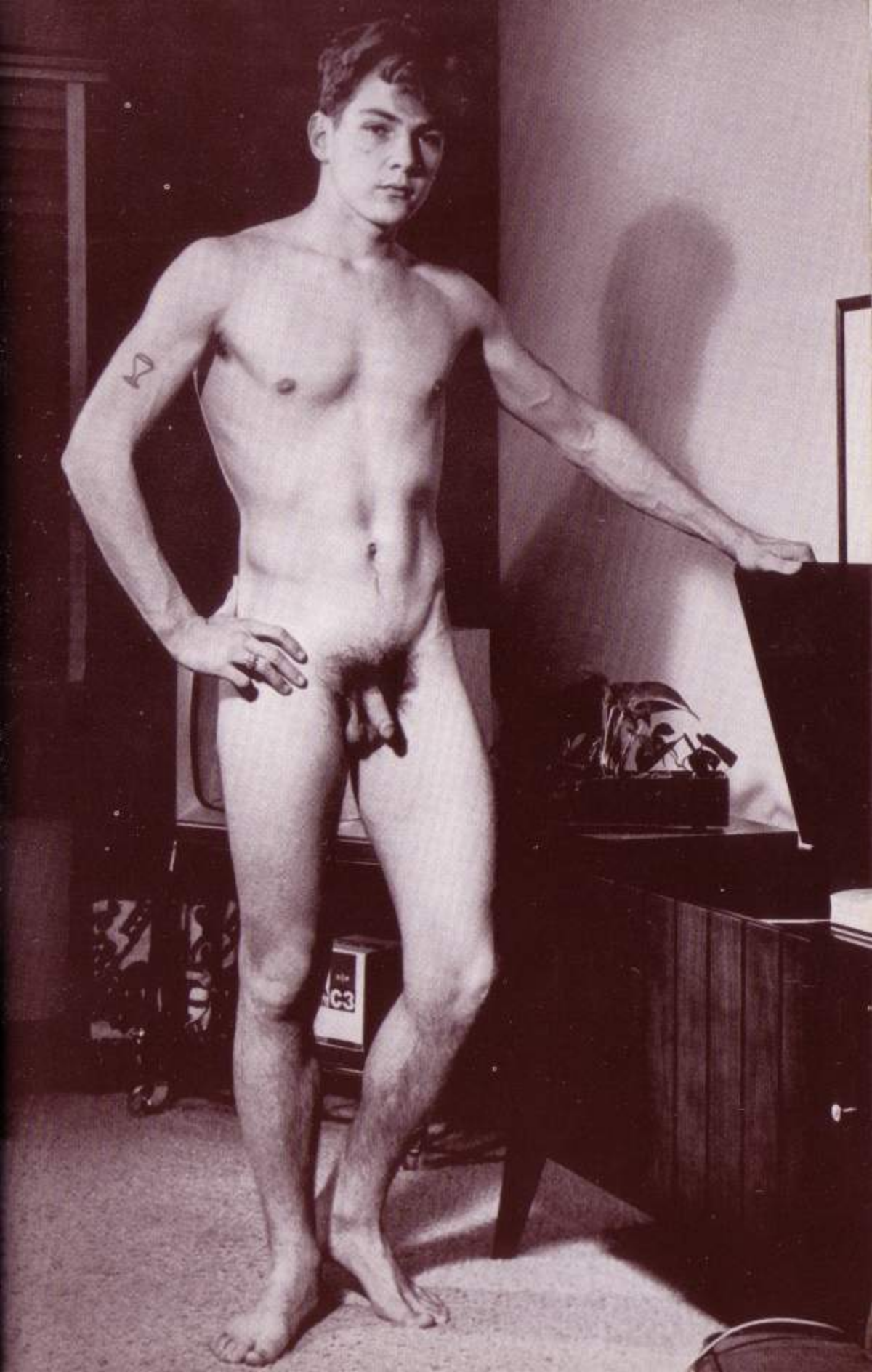
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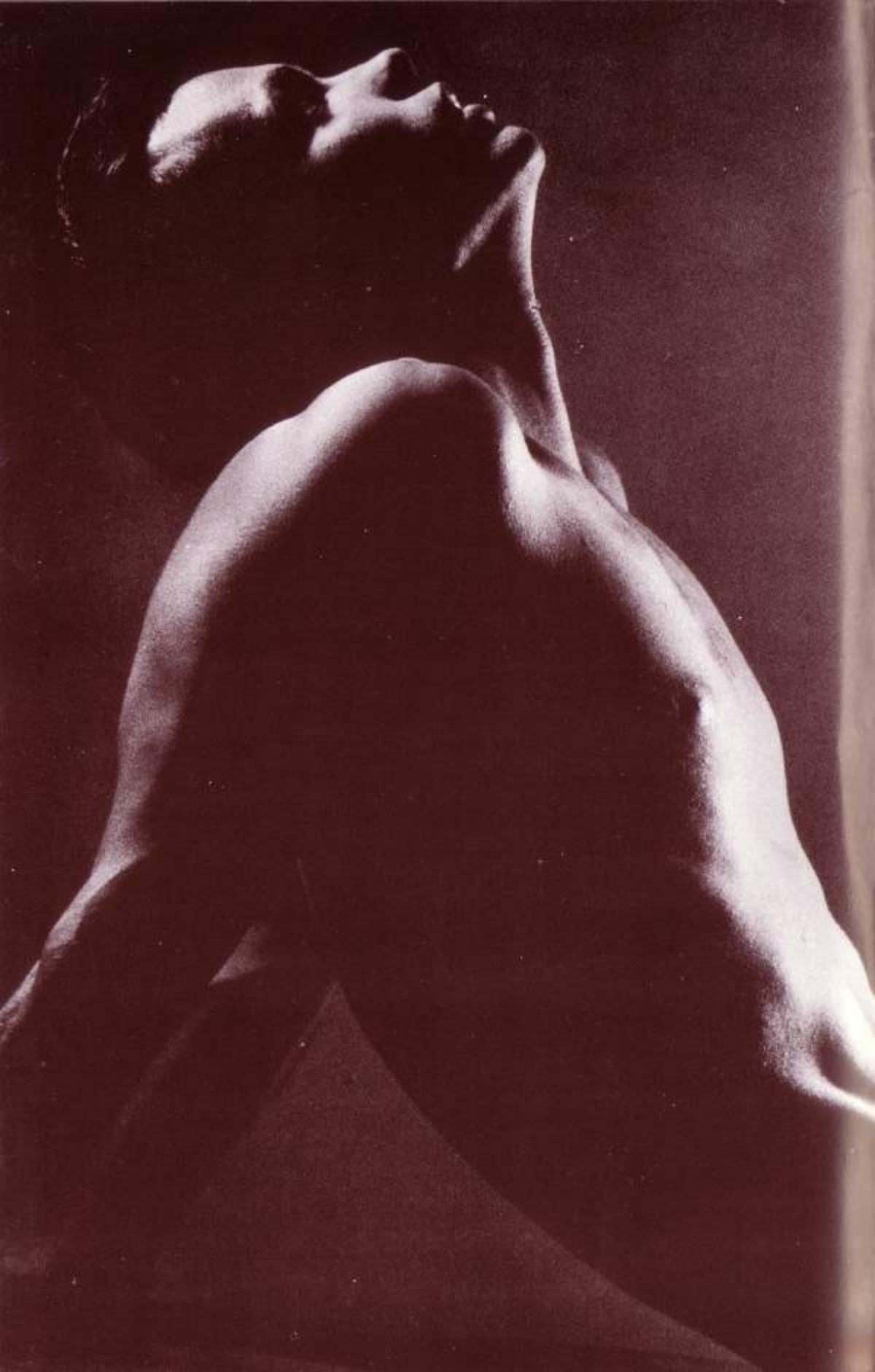
Statement of Purpose

BUTCH magazine is dedicated to the furtherance of realism in art, photography, and literature – without idealization of the beautiful or avoidance of the ugly ■ The photography, art, and articles contained in BUTCH are offered to illuminate the conviction that the body of man is clean and wholesome and that there can be no obscenity in God's handiwork ■ It is our belief that the ability of man to be at one with himself, to have a high opinion of the portions of his body so long rejected and degraded, will make him stronger, not weaker; more moral, instead of less moral ■ BUTCH hopes to do its part to bring about a world wherein man will, from the moment of birth, accept himself – not with guilt and shame but with esteem and serenity – in his totality as God made him.

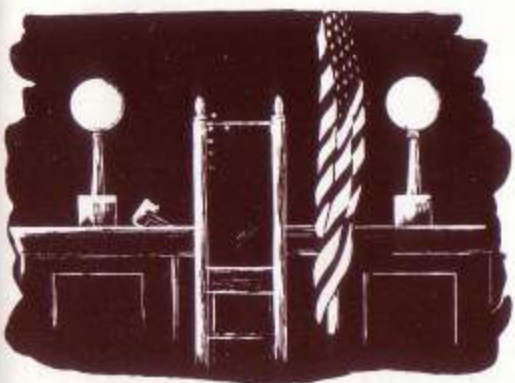
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A MAJOR VICTORY



*the results of
the DSI obscenity trial
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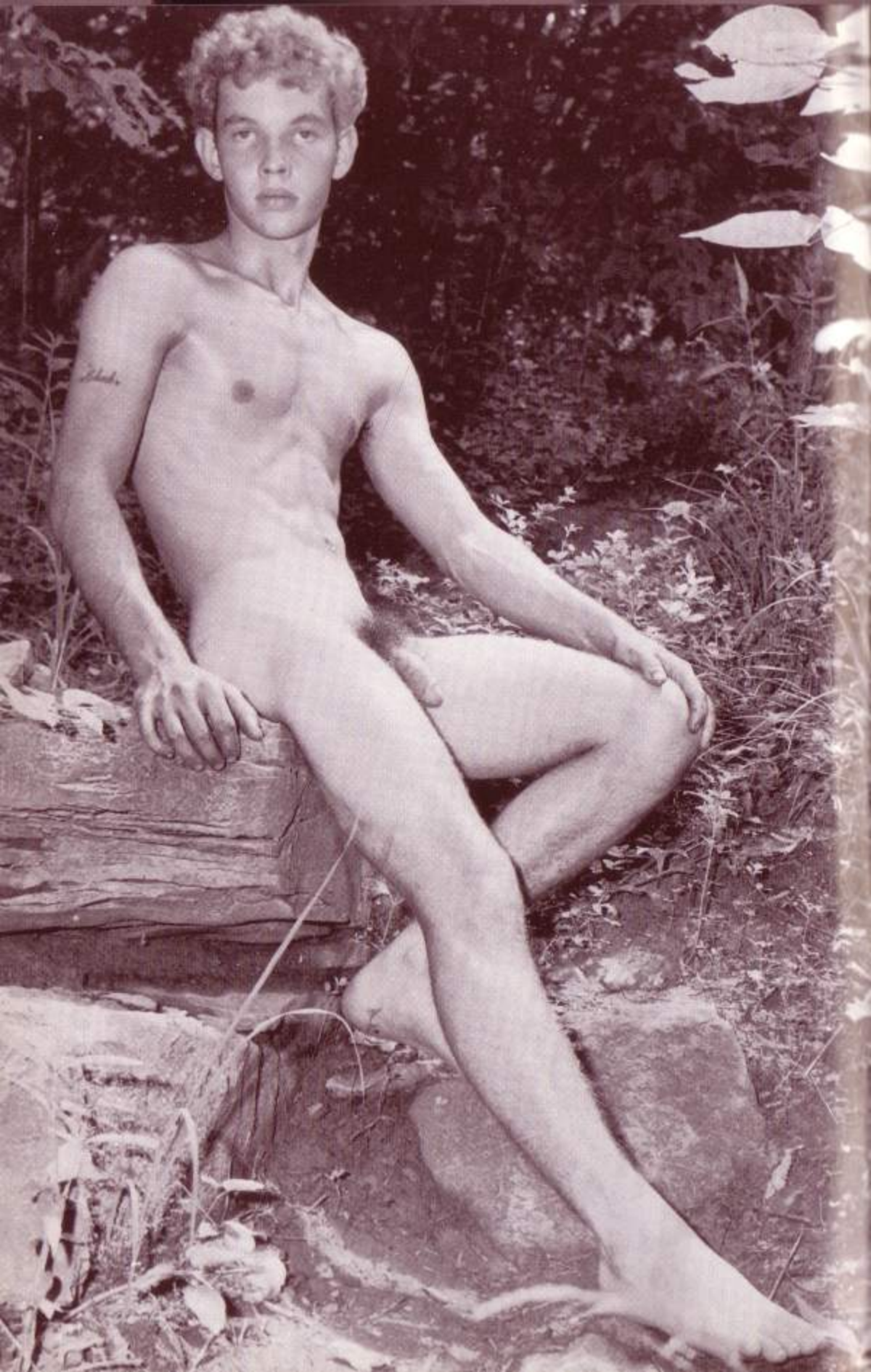
We are pleased to advise you that on July 26, 1967, the United States Federal Court for the District of Minnesota upheld in a landmark decision **the right of all persons to receive materials dealing with the nude male figure.**

On trial were the owners of DSI Sales (*Conrad Germain and Lloyd Spinar*) on 29 counts of producing and mailing obscene materials. The charges were brought by the federal government and conviction on all 29 counts could have carried a maximum sentence of 145 years in prison and \$145,000.00 in fines.

Government Says DSI Material Obscene Because It May Appeal to Homosexuals

Trial was held in Minneapolis from July 12 thru July 24, 1967. During the trial the government introduced into evidence nearly every item sold and every brochure and catalog distributed by DSI. The theory used by the government in prosecuting its case was based on the proposition that, because the average

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person does not tolerate homosexuality and considers homosexual behavior morbid and shameful, any materials designed to appeal to the homosexual are obscene.

In a lengthy seven-page memorandum written at the conclusion of the trial, the Court examined all the charges brought by the government and determined that they could not be sustained. In its memorandum, the Court found that *“the materials have no appeal to the prurient interests of the intended recipient deviant group; do not exceed the limits of candor tolerated by the contemporary national community; and are not utterly without redeeming social value. Furthermore, the Court concludes that the evidence does not suggest pandering within the meaning of the Ginzburg case.”*

Respect the Rights of Others

With regard to the issue of homosexuality, the Court stated in its memorandum: *“The rights of minorities expressed individually in sexual groups or otherwise must be respected. With increasing research and study, we will in the future come to a better understanding of ourselves, sexual deviants, and others.”*

In conclusion, the Court stated: *“If I were to convict the defendants, I am satisfied that the convictions would be reversed by the Supreme Court, if not by the Court of Appeals for this Circuit. I therefore grant the motions of both defendants for acquittal on each of the 29 counts; and I further find by verdict that each defendant is not guilty on each of the 29 counts of the indictment.”*

We wish to share with you, our customers, our deep sense of pride in the Federal Court System of our country and its ruling holding our materials to be fully

protected by the free speech and press provisions of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many fine persons who came forward to testify in our behalf, including:

Dr. Wardell B. Pomeroy, *New York City, former director of the University of Indiana Institute for Sex Research, and co-author with the late Dr. Alfred Kinsey of the famed Kinsey reports on human sexual behavior;*

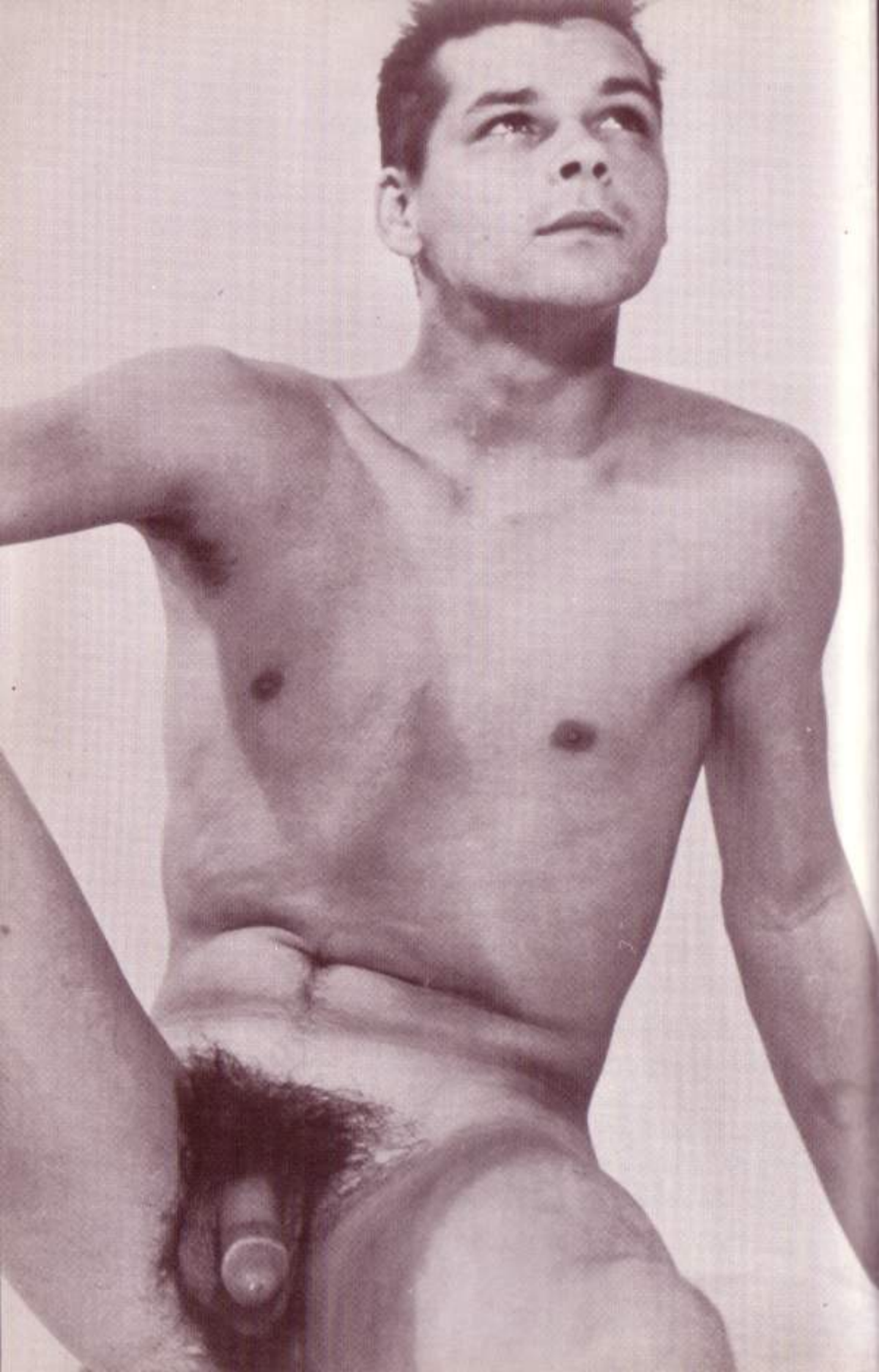
Mrs. Sara Harris, *Washington, D.C., sociologist and author of nine books on sociol-sexual problems (including "Cast the First Stone"). Many of her books are required reading in sociology courses in colleges and universities;*

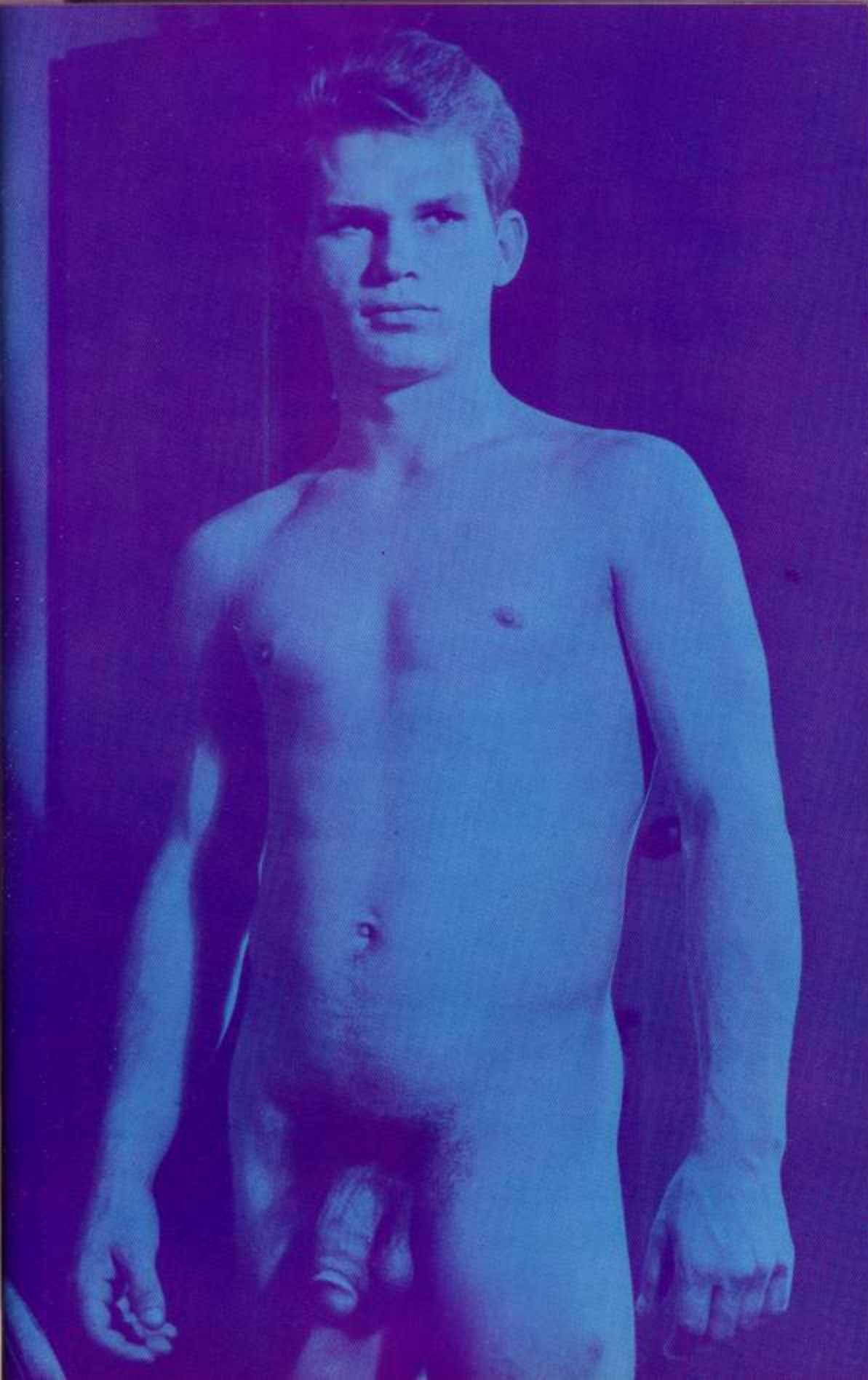
The Rev. Robert T. McIlvenna, *San Francisco, director of the National Young Adult Project, an interdenominational effort sponsored by six national churches; and chairman of the national Council on Religion and the Homosexual;*

Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, *Chicago, senior consultant at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for 25 years, and presently writer of a daily medical column which appears in over 60 newspapers throughout the world.*

Special mention must be made of the help provided by **Mr. Harold Call**, national president of the Mattachine Society and noted lecturer and consultant on human sexual problems. Through his vast experience and contacts in the field of human sexual behavior, Mr. Call was instrumental in securing the help of many of the

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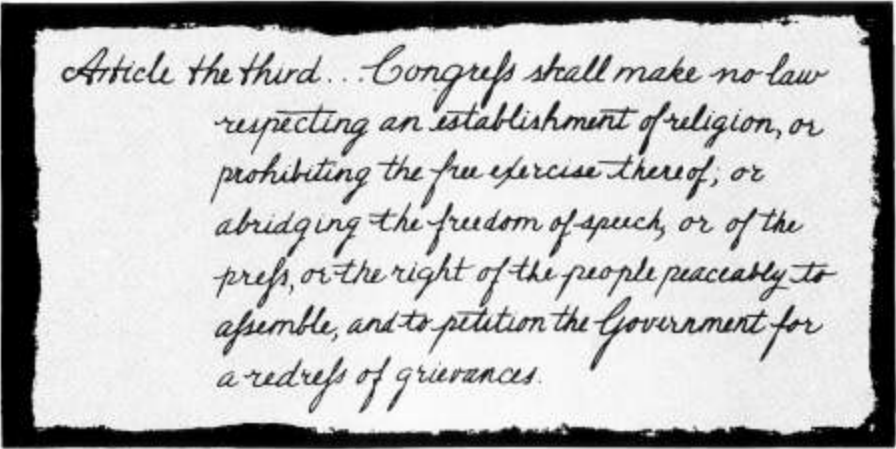
individuals throughout the United States who gave of their time and knowledge to the preparation of our defense, including **Mr. Richard Leitch** of the New York Mattachine Society.

Victory is Tribute to Attorney's Skill

We express our deep sense of gratitude to our attorney, **Mr. Ronald Meshbesher** of Minneapolis, who so ably represented our case in its trial before the Court. In the opinion of many legal experts, he prepared the finest defense ever offered in an obscenity trial.

Decision Brings Greater Responsibilities

We at DSI realize the great responsibility placed upon us by this decision of the Court. The approval we have received is not "*carte blanche*" for us or anyone to "flood" the nation with material of this type without regard to its quality or manner of distribution. We at DSI have always taken pride in the quality of the materials we produce and the responsible manner in which they are advertised and sold; and we see in this decision of the Court a command to maintain and to elevate these attitudes. *This we shall do.* ■



Article the third... Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

It is not our policy to single out homophile organizations for special mention; but it should be known that the only homophile organization which involved itself openly and actively in our defense was the **Mattachine Society of San Francisco** and to them we give special thanks.

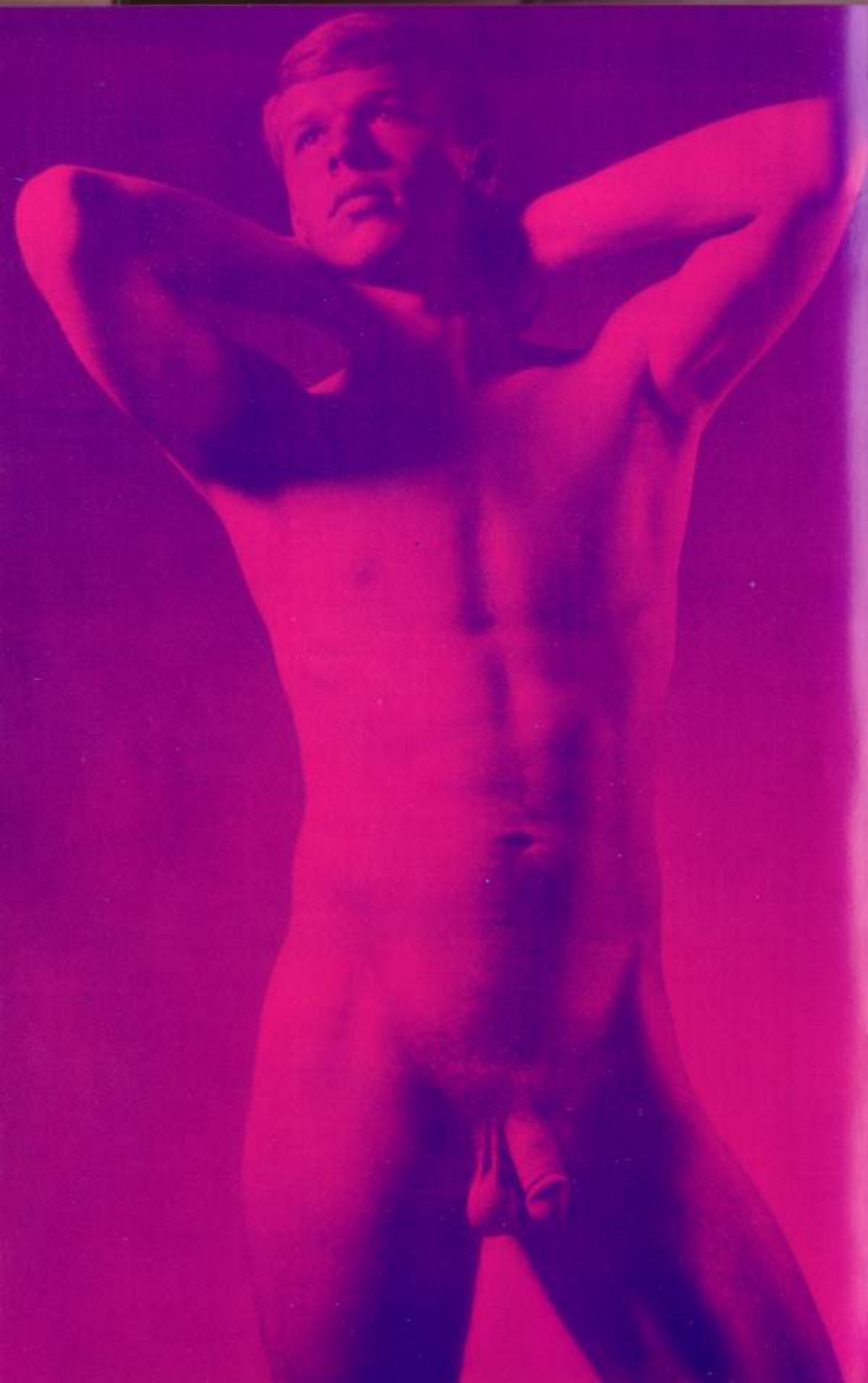
Too often these organizations are merely a vehicle for the personal advancement of one person, often in an unrelated profit-making venture. But we had ample demonstration in this trial that the Mattachine Society is sincere in its desire to help any and all persons suffering from persecution because of their sexual orientation.

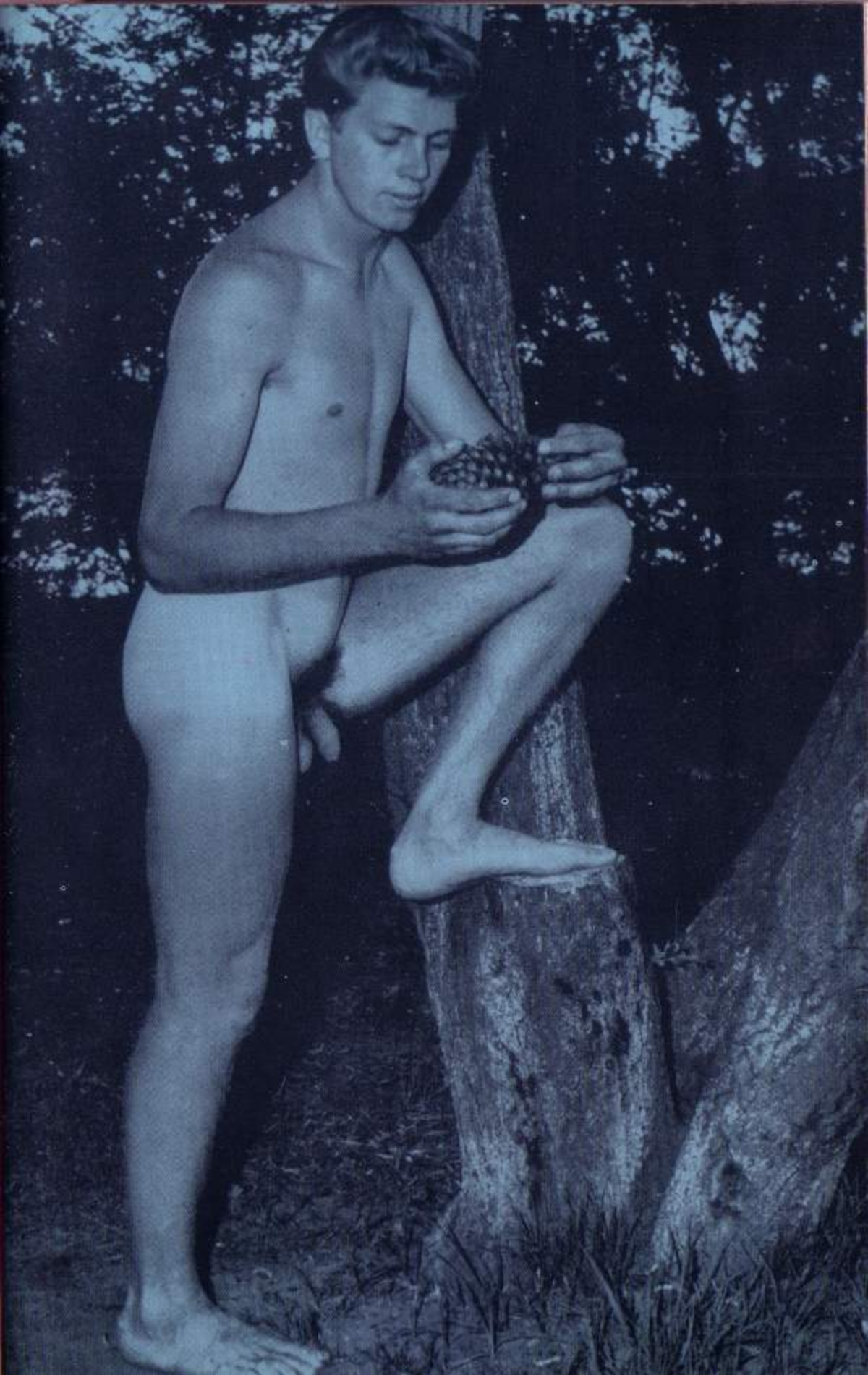
But in order for them to give this help, they must have support. If you feel that this victory was of significance to you, write to Mr. Call today. A donation, however small, will help them in their efforts to assist others and to build an understanding in the community-at-large of the sexual minorities. Mr. Call will be glad to send you information on how you can become a participating member of their organization. Address your letters to:

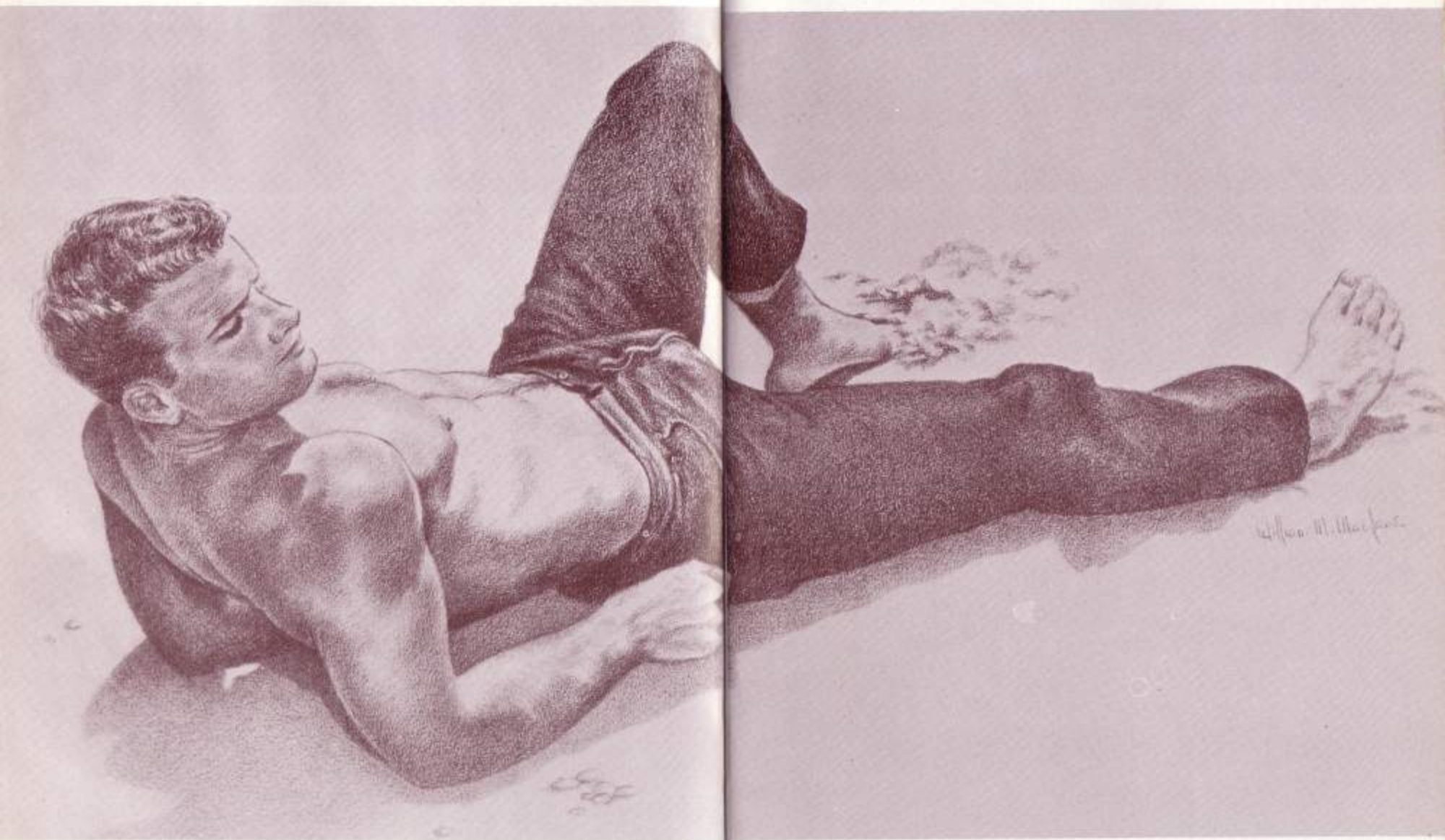
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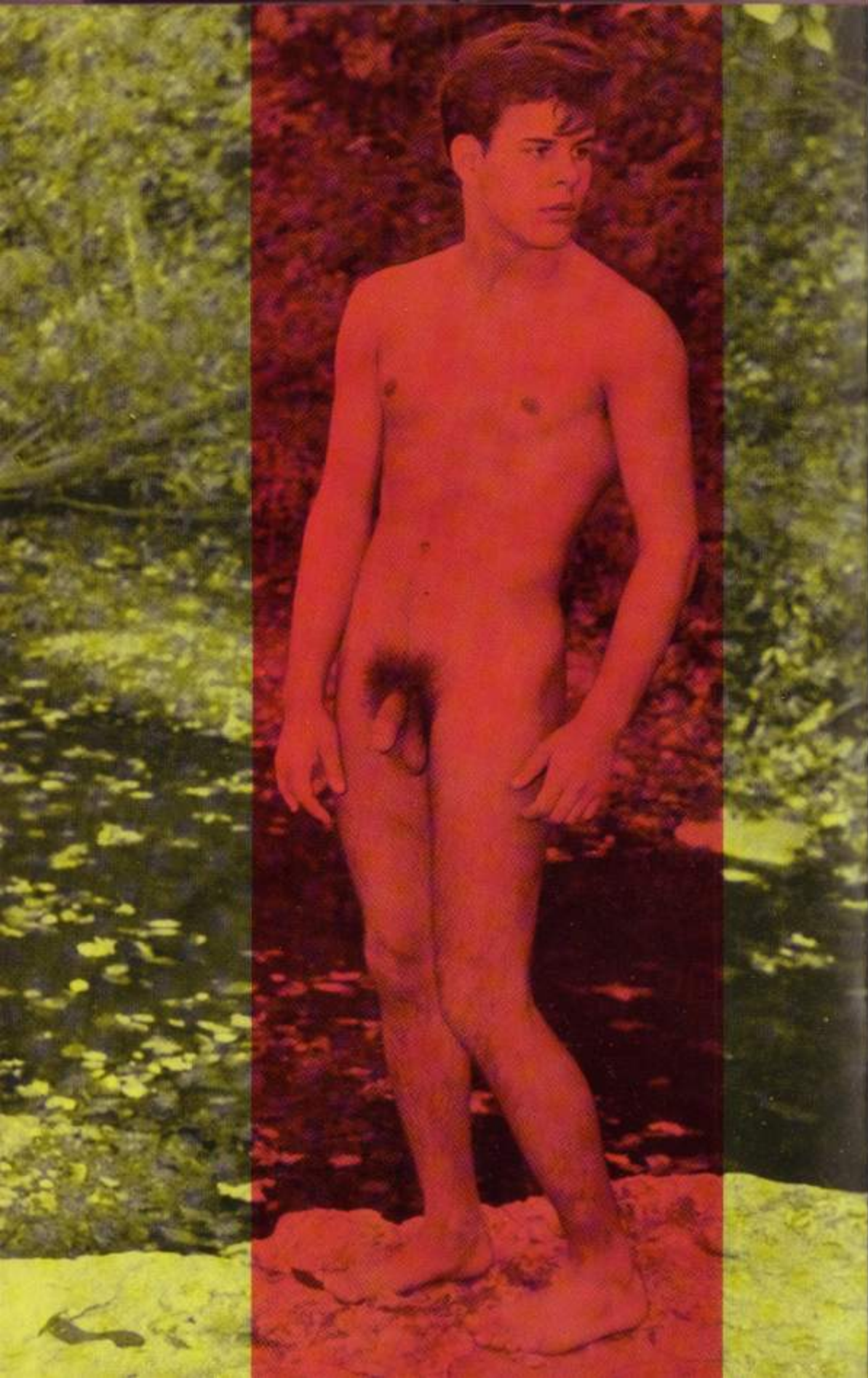
It should be noted that no funds of Mattachine were used in the DSI trial. All costs were borne by the owners of DSI. Others are not so fortunate, and we urge you to join with us in supporting the activities of the Mattachine Society. It could be you that needs their help next.

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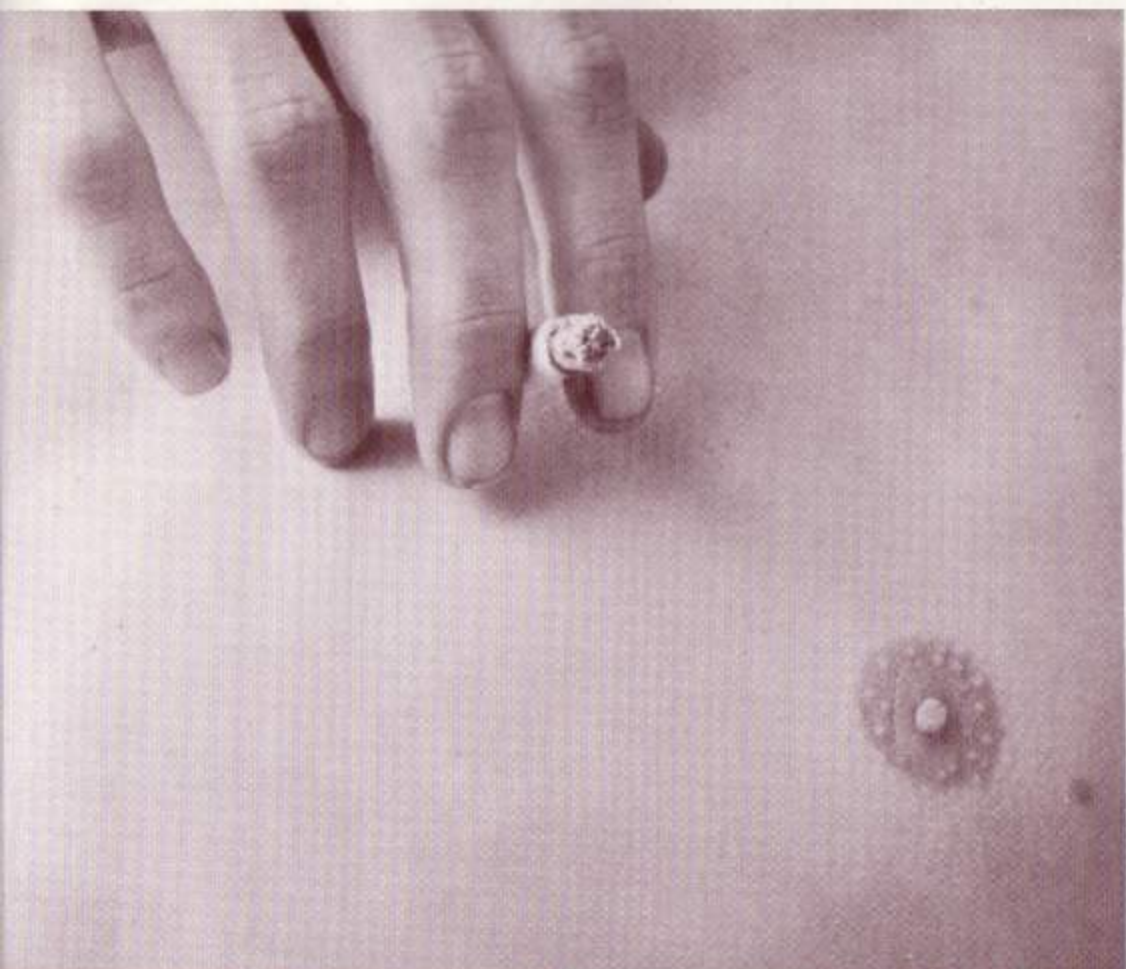
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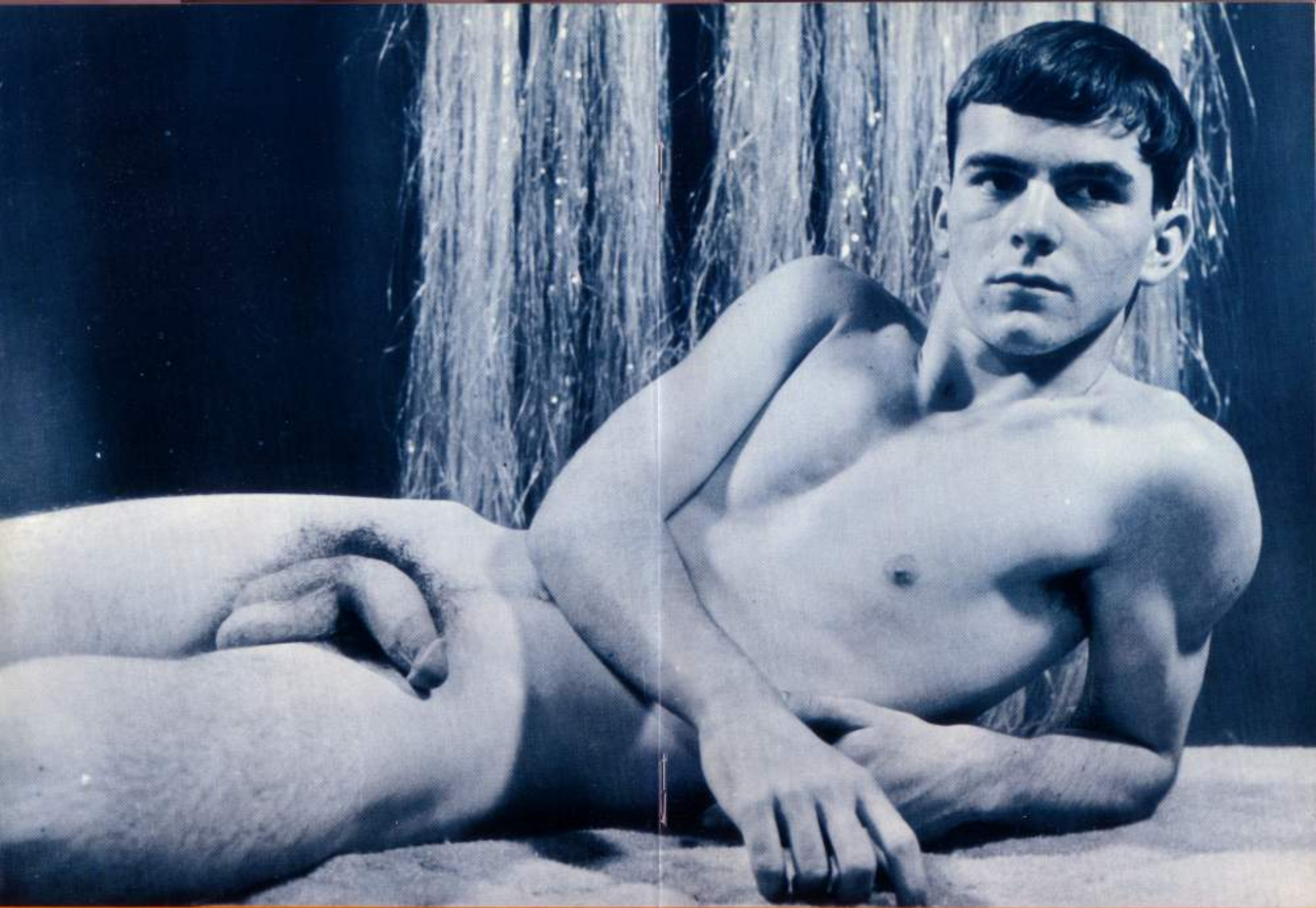


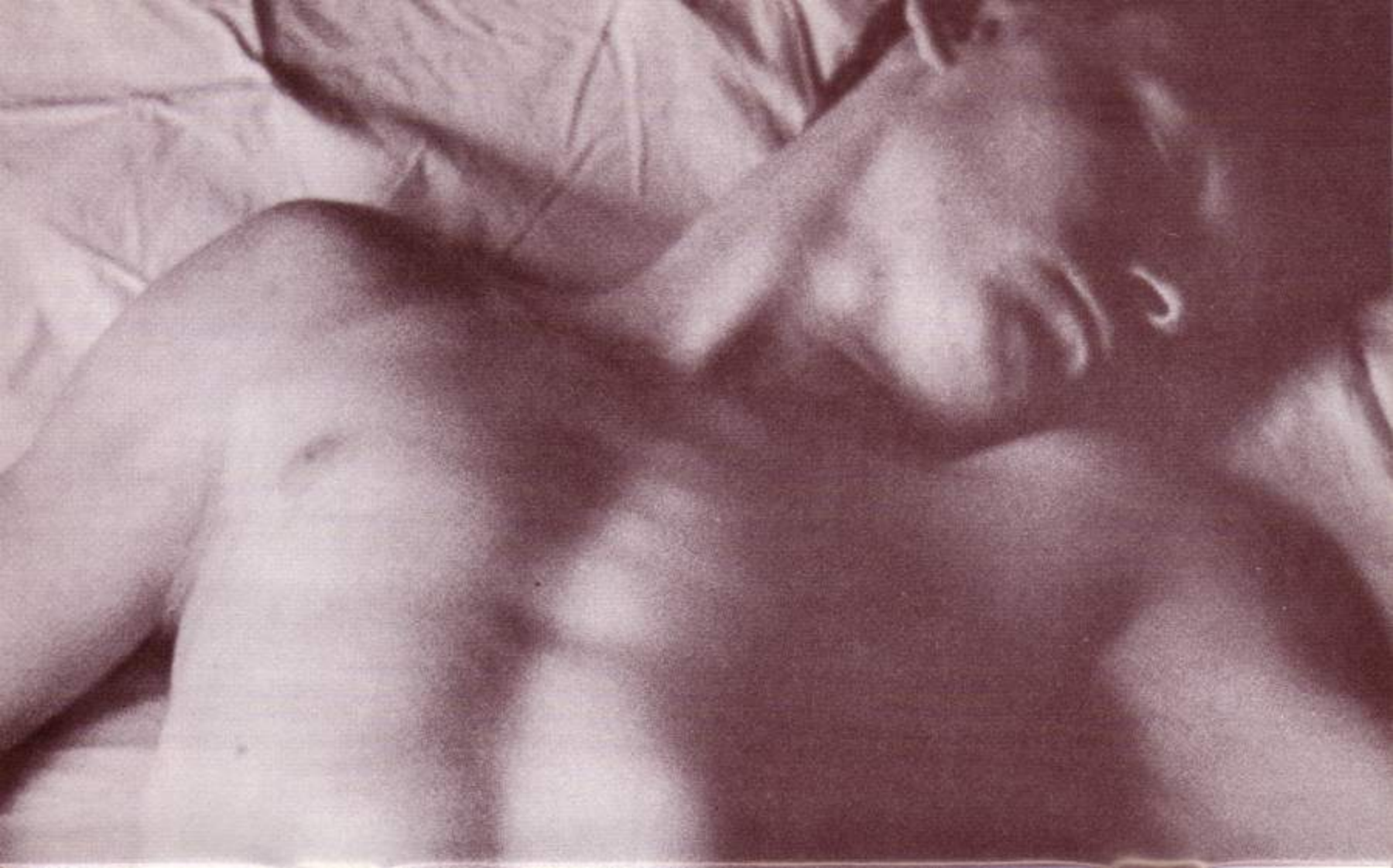
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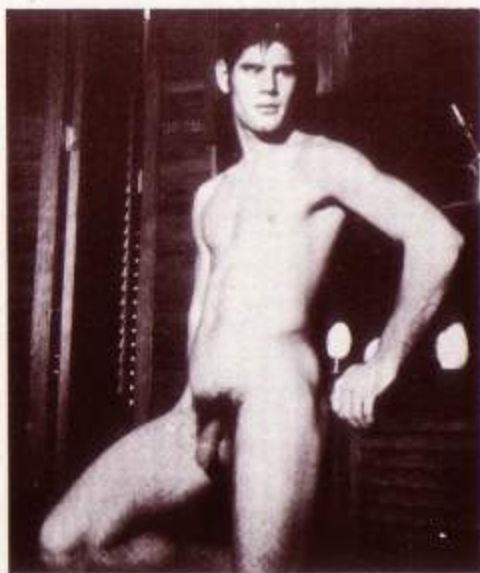
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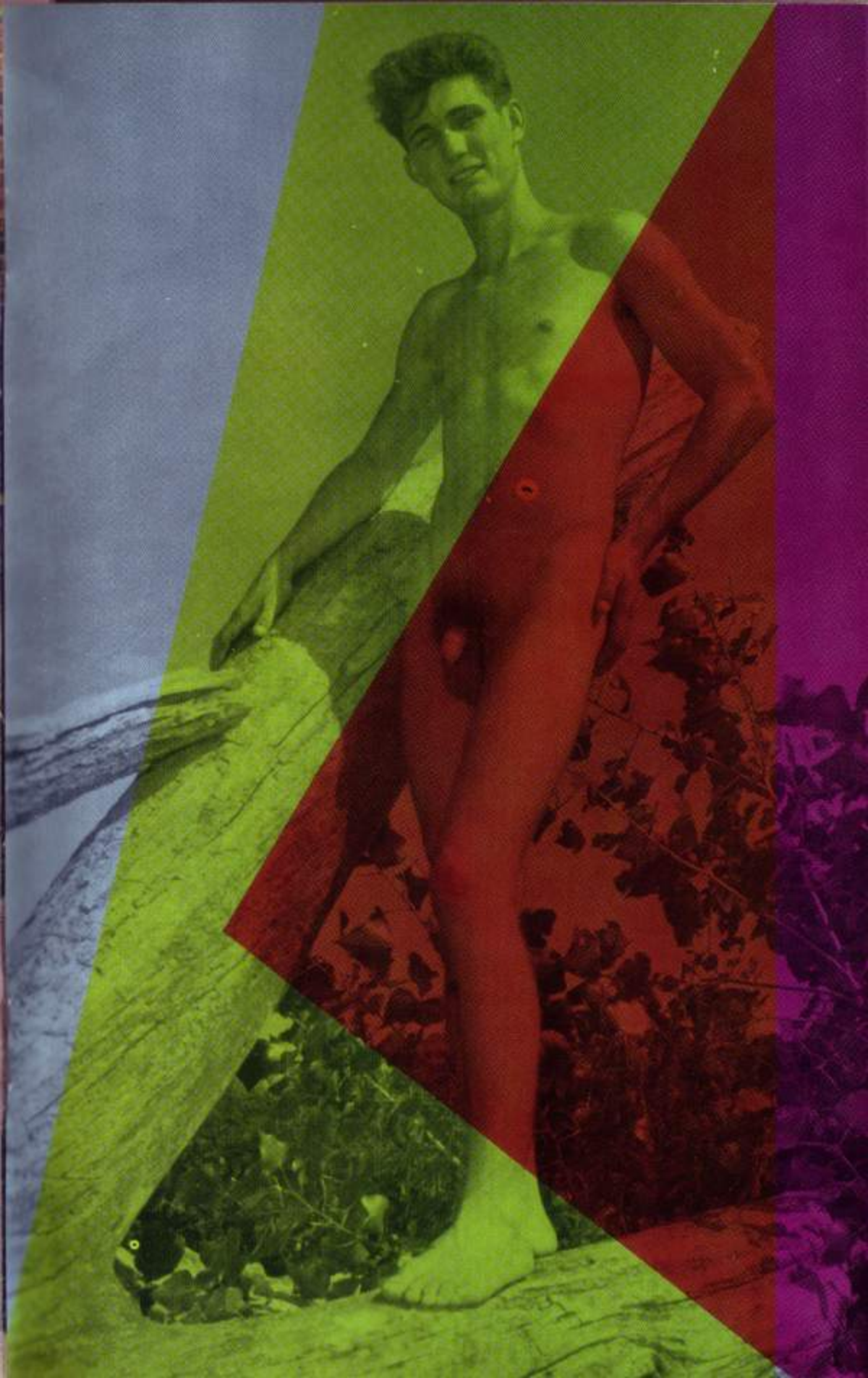


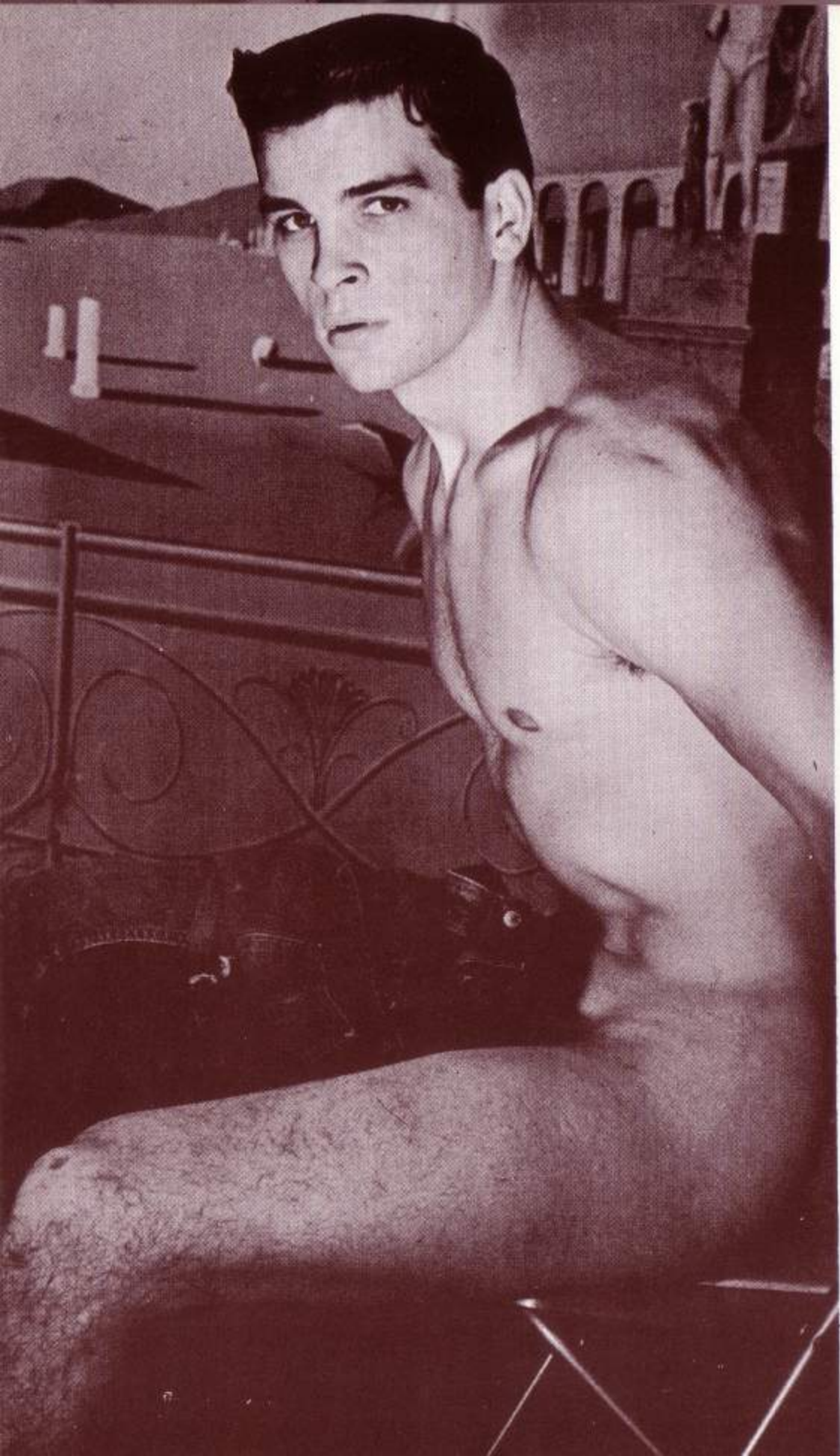
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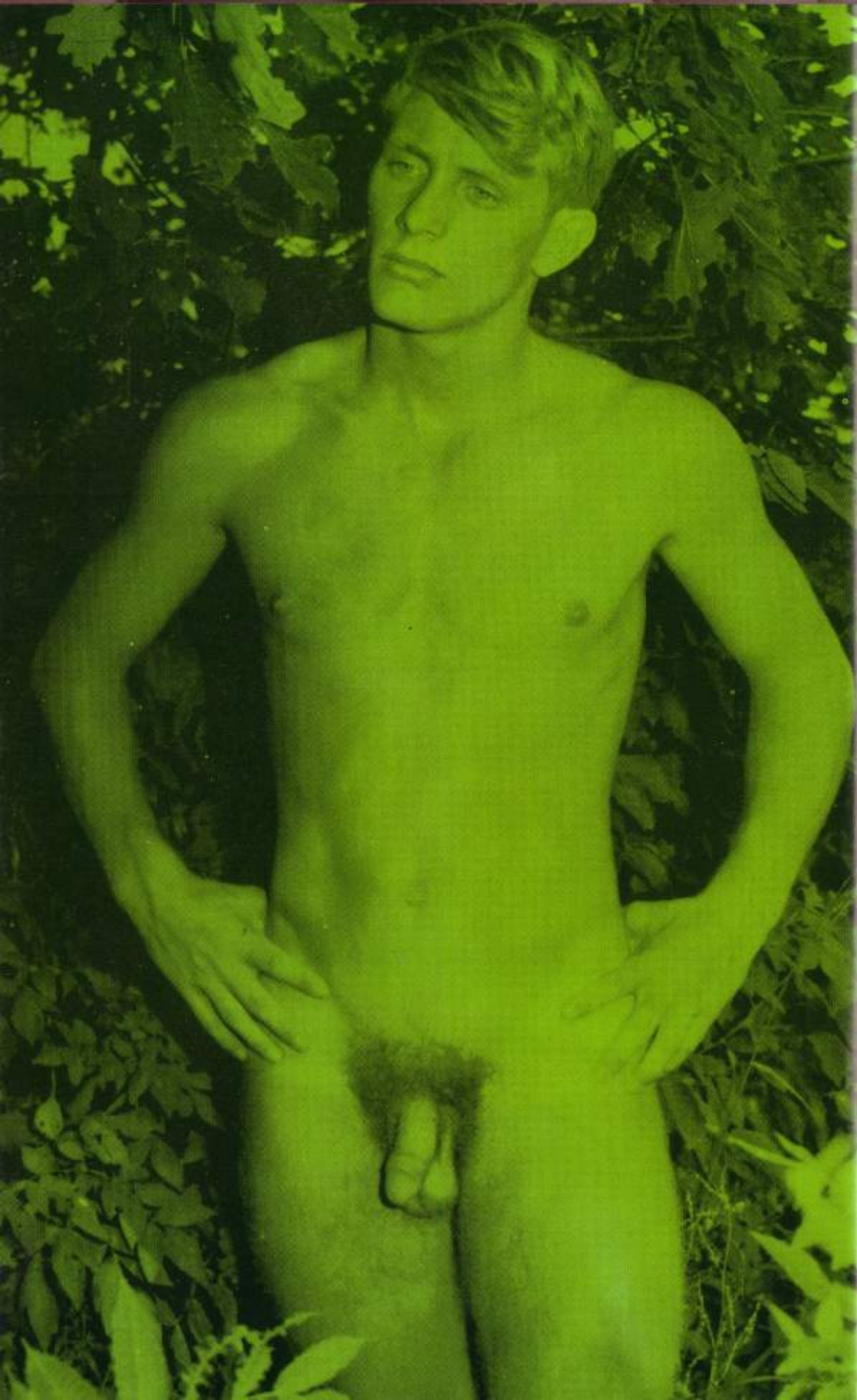
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*"The redeeming social value is there –
it's the pornography that's weak."*

COMMENTARY

an exchange of views between the publisher
and his supporters and critics

Contributions for this department are welcomed. Letters should be short and to the point and must be signed. Writer's name will not be published.

PRURIENT INTEREST

► What's wrong with having one's prurient interest stimulated? Why should one have to pretend that one is being redeemed socially, if all one happens to be interested in is having one's prurient interest stimulated? As a matter of fact, prurient interest effectively stimulated is of redeeming social importance, because it tends to make one more redeemingly sociable.

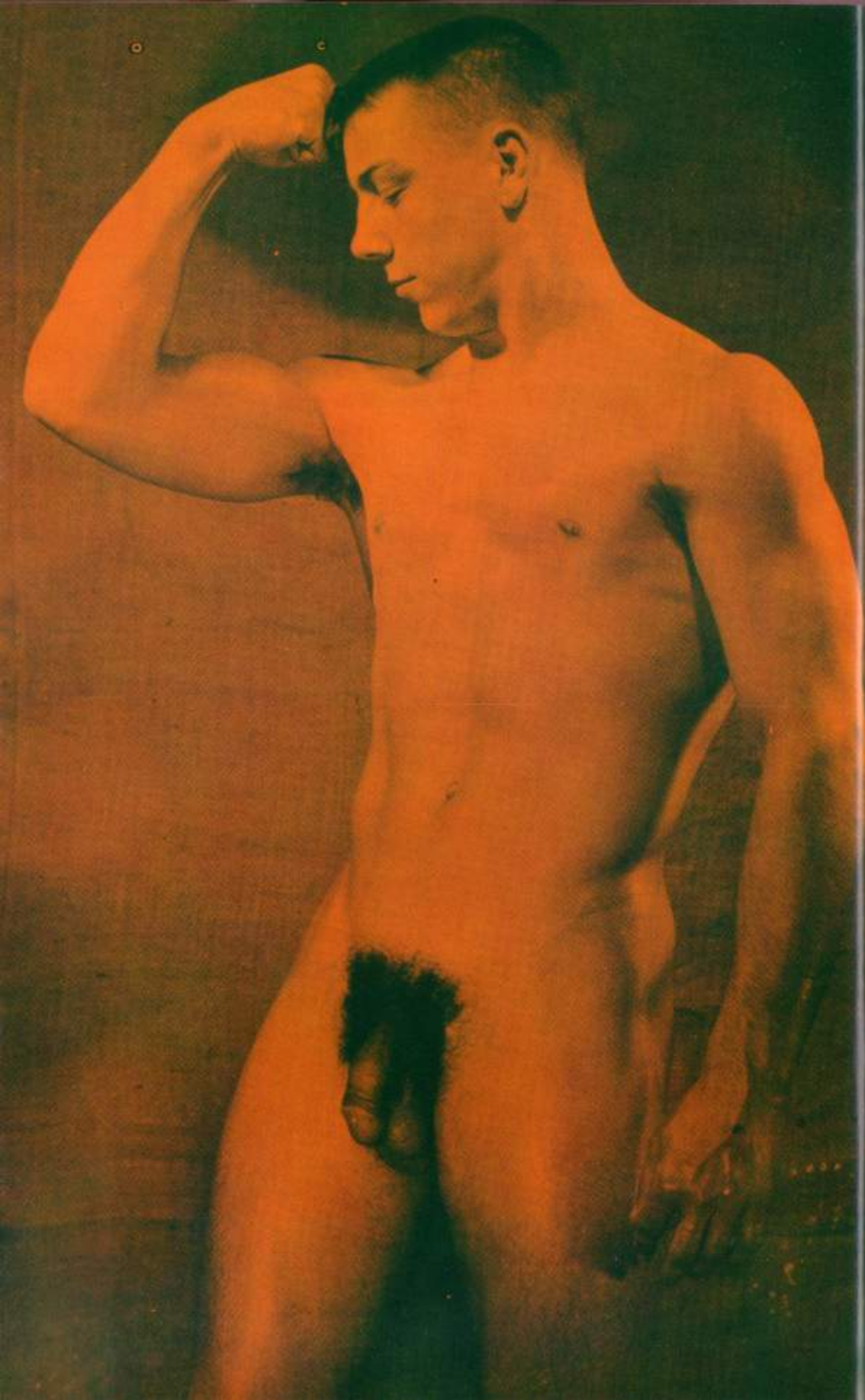
The current U.S. Supreme Court definition of obscenity has, as one of its key criteria, a patent appeal prurient interest, although a patent appeal to any primary interest other than sex is perfectly permissible, and protected under the free speech and press prescriptions of the First Amendment. Sex, and sex alone, is so vile, repugnant, corrupting, and worthless that its explicit presence in art and literature must be justified by other redeeming social values.

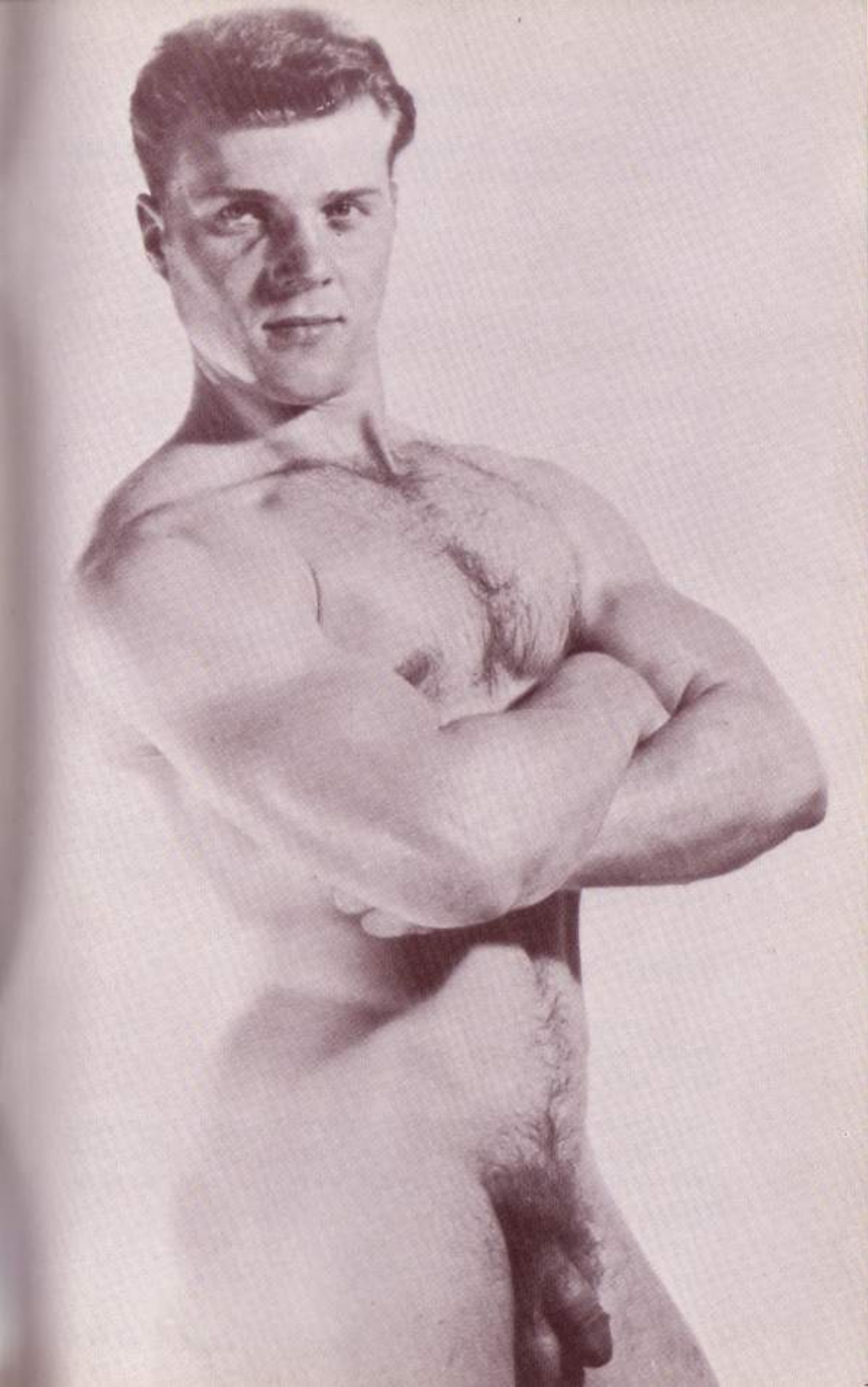
In the second half of the 20th Century, contemporary man has split the atom and conquered outer space, but sexually speaking, he is still living in the Dark Ages.

FREEDOM TO READ

► I was not permitted to receive your Issue #8 (Butch) here in basic training. LBJ wants us to fight and die for "freedom in Vietnam" but he doesn't want to give us the freedom to read what we choose.

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CRITICS SHOULD READ BIBLE

► As a three-year veteran of World War II, I am appalled by the adverse critics of Butch magazine. Soldiers in World War II (the serious ones at least) believed they were fighting for the Four Freedoms. I endured my duty in the war for my family, my friends, and myself for the freedom to read whatever we choose to read. The critics of Butch should read again *Matthew, chapter 7, verse 3*.

► I noticed several of the letters on pages 44-45 (*Butch* #8) consistently refer to God. Perhaps if some of your self-appointed critics would raise their eyes above the navel long enough to re-read the 2nd chapter of *Genesis*, they might discover that God created man after His own image, and they were both naked and were not ashamed (*Genesis 2:25*).

I was reared in a religious family and fortunately my parents had the wisdom to explain that *nothing* is dirty or obscene – except in the mind of the beholder.

FANTASY vs. REALITY

In his Sunday sermon our minister stated that the big problem with pornography is “*that it substitutes fantasy for reality.*” I wonder if he realizes that that is precisely what religion does?

OVERLY DEFENSIVE?

Do people discuss breathing? Then why are you people so involved in justifying the publication of the nude male figure?

If breathing were being socially and legally restricted we'd discuss it too – but we haven't heard anyone advocating suffocation lately. When they do, we'll be writing about it.

ARTIST FINDS 'BUTCH' USEFUL

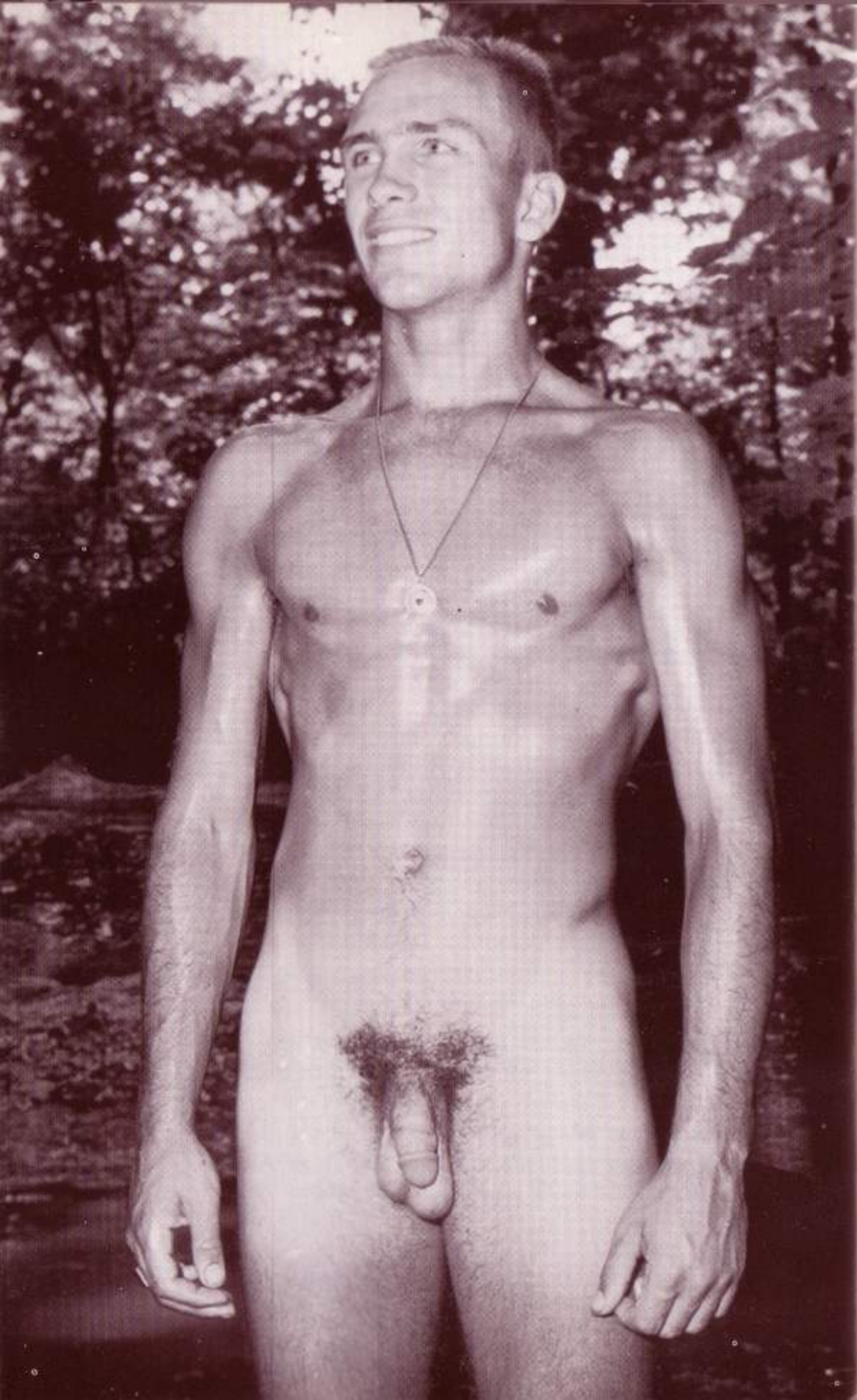
► I am 23 and a veteran of the U.S. Naval Submarine Service. My plans are to finish college and then go on to theological seminary. My goal is to serve God thru being a chaplain in the U.S. Navy.

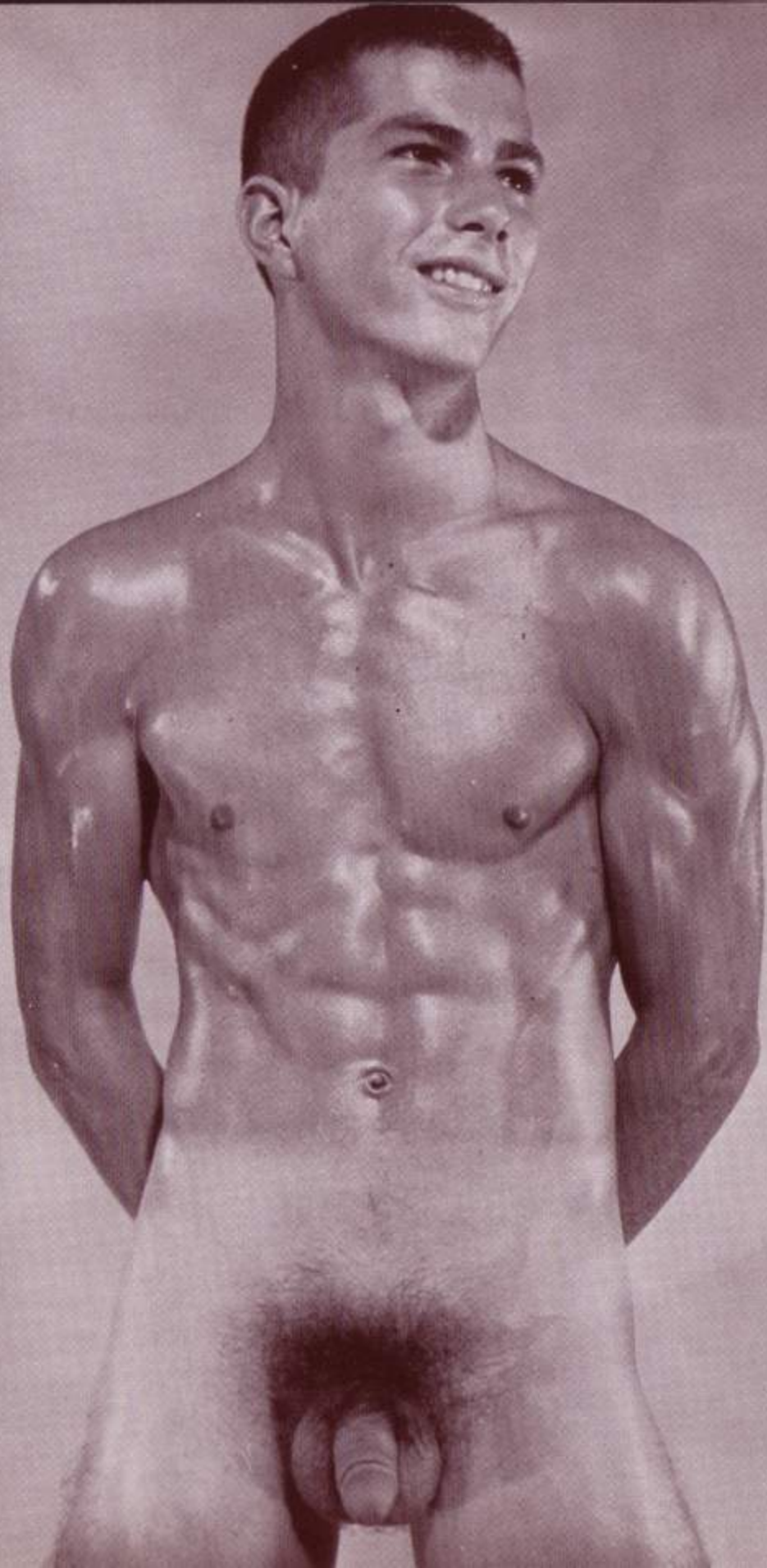
Recently I had an opportunity to see *Butch* magazine and I was amazed at the splendid job of photography. Well done! My hobby is drawing and it is very difficult to have a model pose for art work, especially if you're as slow at drawing as I am. Your magazine seems to be the answer to my problem. Please send me your catalog. Please send it in a sealed envelope. Some of the narrow-minded people here at school think that I am either homosexual or of a low moral character because of my interest in male figure art.

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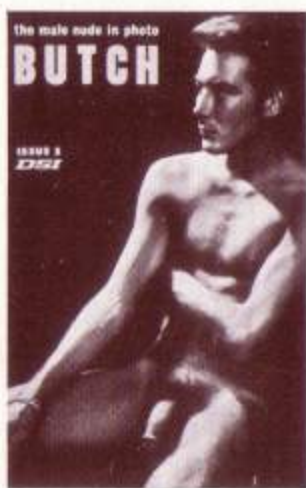
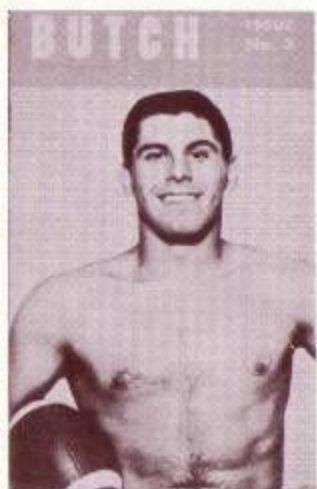
► American boys are dying in Vietnam in order to preserve, among other things, freedom of speech and press, Robert Shelton, George Lincoln Rockwell, and a small army of postal inspectors who spend most of their time gleefully X-raying and steaming open first-class private correspondence. Why not replace a contingent of our war weary troops with an equal number of "rarin'-to-get-at-'em" postal inspectors and paratroop them into North Vietnam where they could scald the Viet Cong with the surplus steam left in their kettles after letter-opening operations?

Recent (1966) figures by Mr. Timothy J. May, General Counsel of the Post Office Dept. state that 10,058 postal inspectors spend 61 per cent of their time probing violations of the obscenity law. This means that over 6,000 postal inspectors would be out of work if the Supreme Court were to suddenly say there is no such thing as "obscenity". ■





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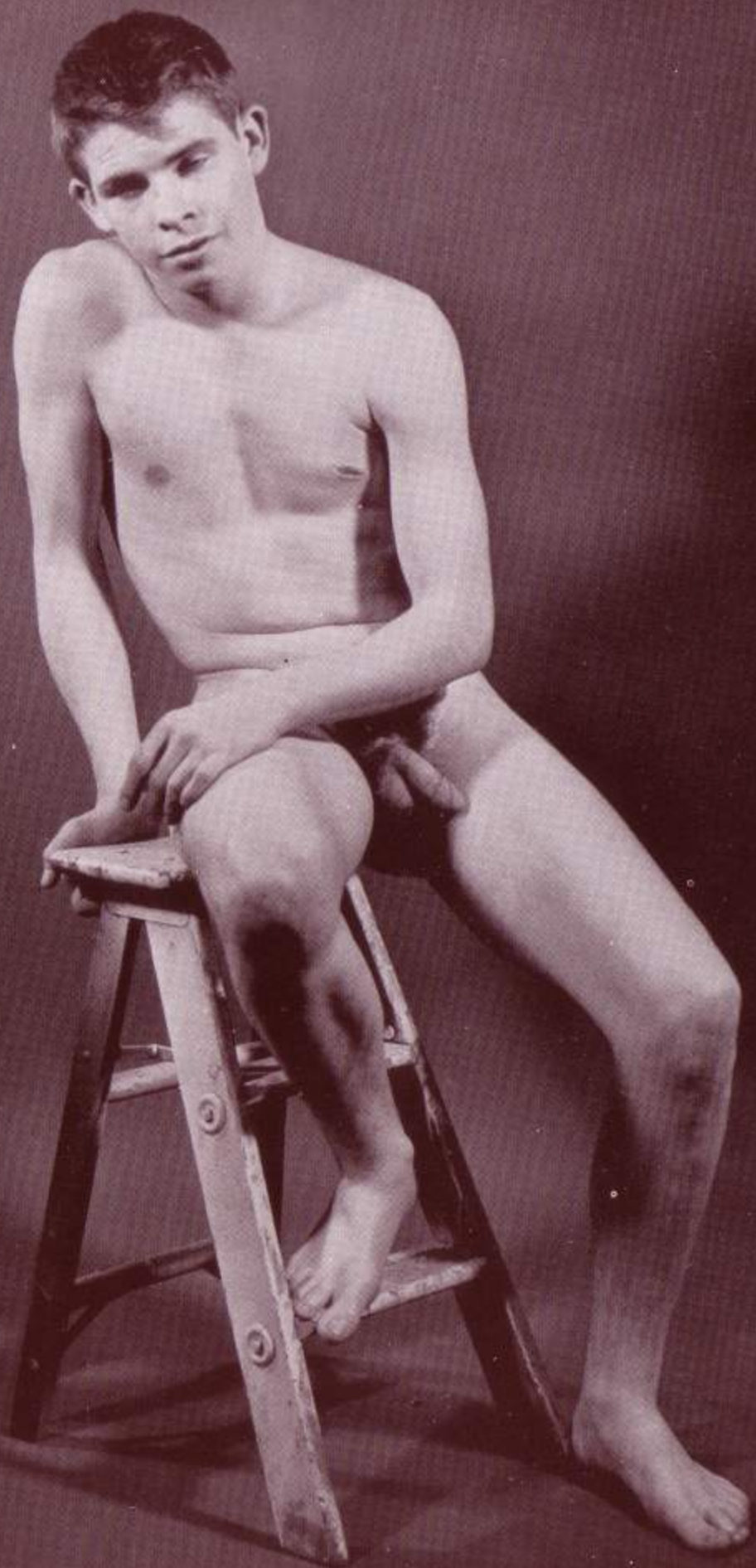


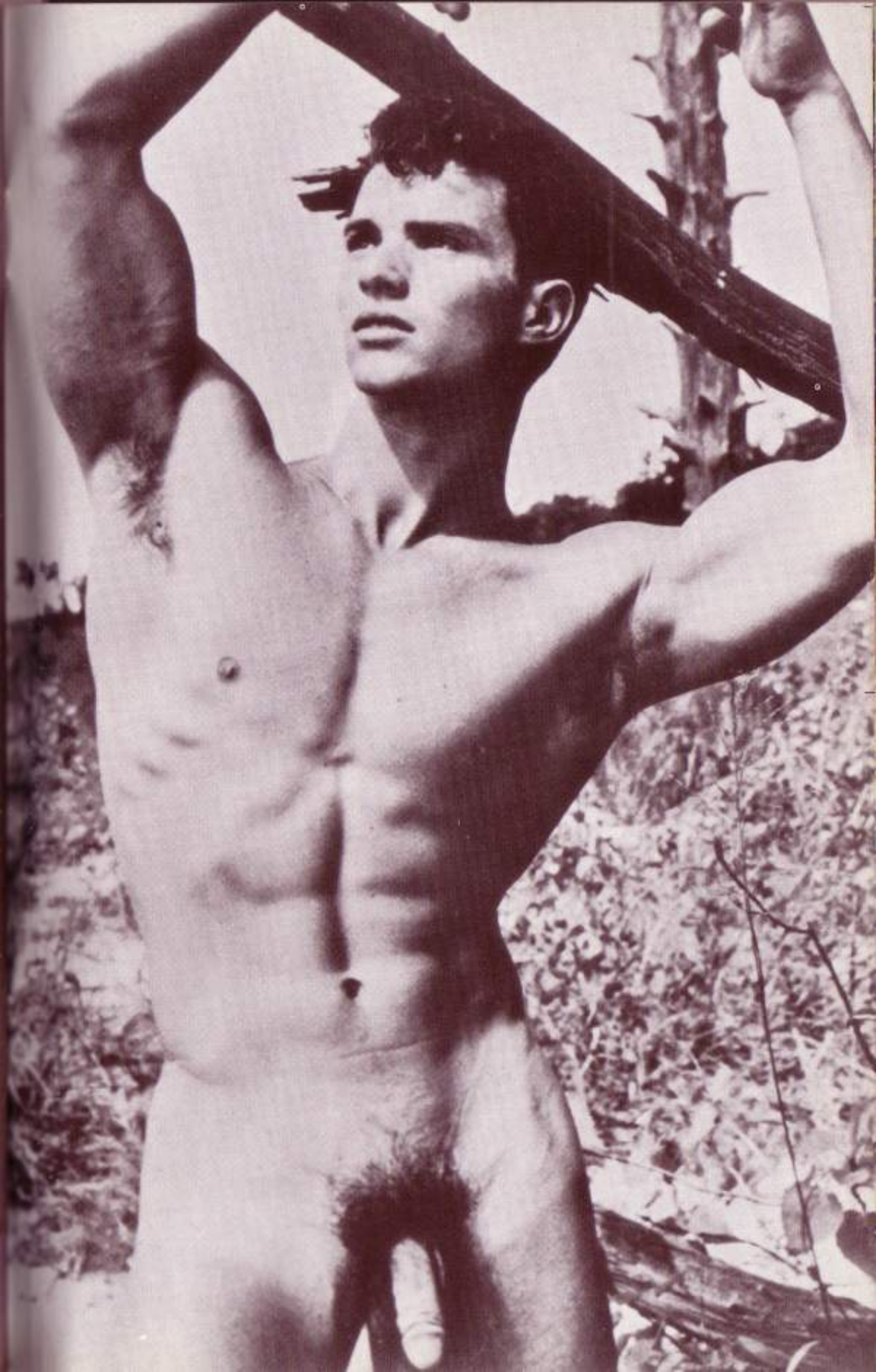
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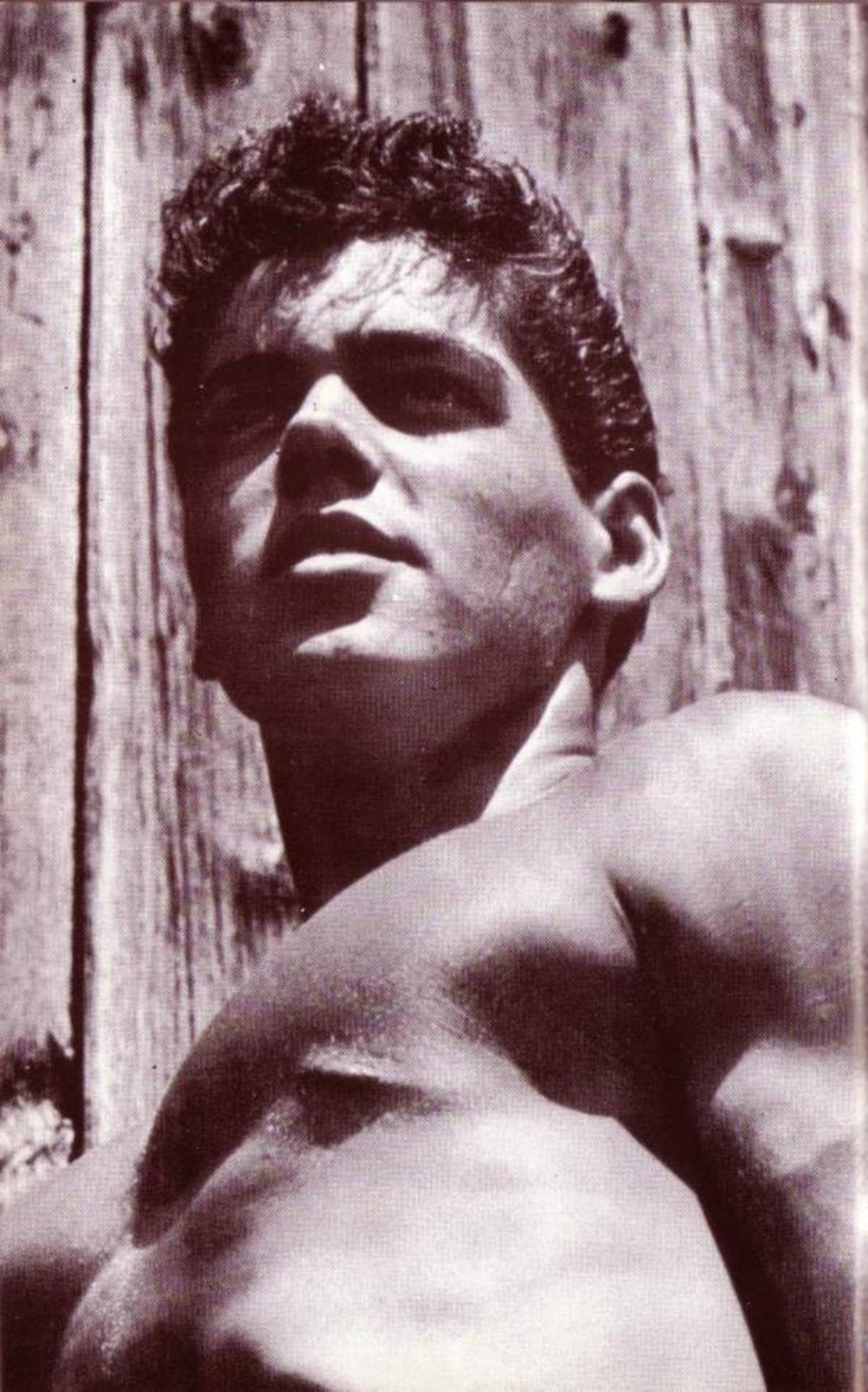
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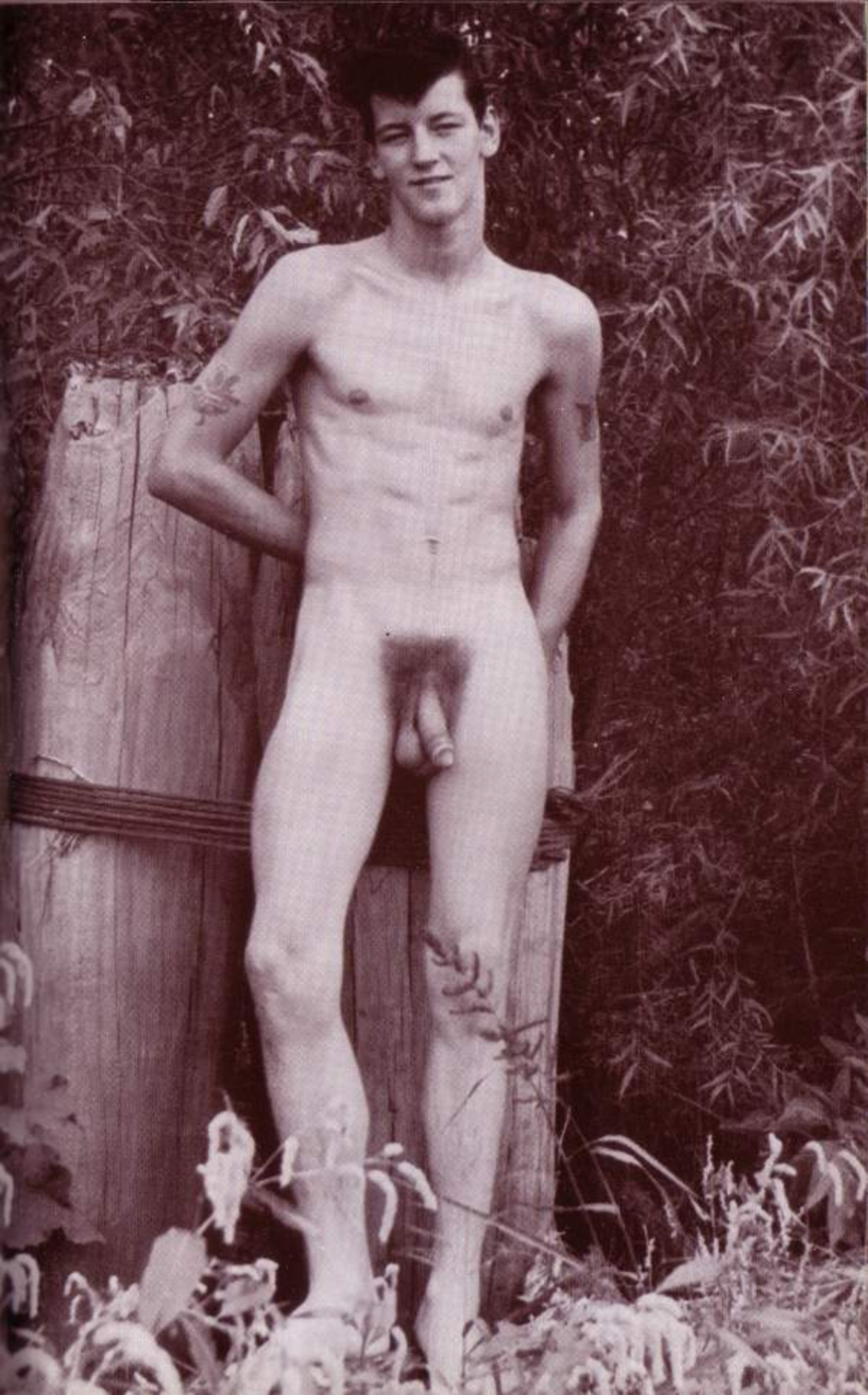
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The publishers of BUTCH hold that all of us have a common ground to defend. There is no place in our society for efforts, whether legal or extra-legal, to coerce the taste of others, to confine adults to reading and viewing matter deemed suitable for children, or to inhibit the efforts of writers and photographers to achieve artistic freedom. ■ Those concerned with freedom have the responsibility of seeing to it that each individual book or publication, whatever its contents, is given the freedom of expression granted to it by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

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